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The Français Connection



LAUREN POFF | THE BG NEWS

BONJOUR: The La Maison Française allows for students to become immersed in French language and culture.

By Dan Lemle
Reporter

La Maison Française, or The French House, is a themed living arrangement for students with even the slightest interest in the French language and culture.

In total, nine individuals live in La Maison Française. Seven of these are students; the remaining two are the Resident Advisor, Kate Nolan, and Cultural Director, Julia Riegaud.

"There are no requirements to live here, but you would have to participate in French-speaking activities," said Nolan, who has French as a minor.

Speaking French is enforced on the ground floor, but there is no punishment if someone were to speak English or any other language.

"It's not like you'll be put in a closet if you don't speak French," said Hilary Bush, who lives in the house and is majoring in French.

Riegaud, a graduate student from Tours, France, works to plan cultural activities and events to help educate those who live in the house and the rest of the University. Every Thursday at 6 p.m., a

"Café Conversation" is held where aspects of French culture are shared. All people are welcome to this event.

"We share the culture, speak the language, and practice," Riegaud said.

Friday movie nights are also held. A variety of movies are shown in French, but with English subtitles.

"The first movie we showed this year came from an African country that speaks French," said Bush.

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ANDREA FEHL | THE BG NEWS

PANEL: The audience at the 24th Annual Reddin Symposium ask questions during a panel discussion.

Reddin Symposium addresses US-Canada diplomacy

Canadian Studies department focuses on Great Lakes' vitality for annual conference

By Max Filby
Reporter

Tom Blaha has come to the University for the past 24 years for something other than classes.

Blaha is a 1968 graduate and director of the Wood County development commission, who comes to the University every winter for the Reddin Symposium.

The Canadian studies department hosts the symposium every year that focuses on United States

and Canadian relations. Around 90 participants celebrated the symposium's 24th year on Saturday in Olscamp Hall.

"I find it very interesting," Blaha said. "I used to visit Canada every year for fishing trips in the 1930s."

This year's symposium theme was The Great Lakes: A resource at risk. Participants in the symposium heard from guest speakers such as Dennis More from the consulate general of Canada in Detroit.

"The Reddin Symposium points out the importance of relationship between Canada and the United States," Moore said. "The Great Lakes are the single most important resources shared by two nations."

Other speakers included John Gannon from the international joint commission in Windsor, John Smol from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario and Robert McKay, a professor of biology at the University.

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University Bookstore price comparison saves money

By Alex Aspacher
Reporter

Students have many options to combat the consistently rising cost of college textbooks, including a price comparison feature that was recently added to the University Bookstore's website.

The service, named BGSUchoose, began in October. The price comparison can be viewed online through a student's book list, which links to the BGSUchoose page.

Users can click each of their classes at the top of the next page, which will display the books for each course below and their prices.

"I think it's really helpful, I used it myself this semester," said Caitlin Bothwell, a student who works at the University Bookstore. "It seems a little weird, though, promoting the competition."

The University Bookstore lists its own new and used prices for books, as well as prices from Amazon.com and Half.com and rental costs from Chegg.com and BookRenter.com.

The University website states that "this service is about transparency, about helping students to save money on the high cost of course materials and will help to dispel the myth that the bookstore is always the most expensive option."

"It seems a little weird, though, promoting the competition."

Caitlin Bothwell | Student

College textbooks and supply sales were estimated to be more than \$6 billion in 2009, according to a study by a University of Michigan researcher. Textbook prices have risen at twice the rate of inflation since the 1980s, which the study attributed to the revision cycle of book publishers and the addition of new materials.

Publishers that frequently release new editions "limit students' ability to reduce their costs by purchasing used textbooks and selling their textbooks back to bookstores at the end of the term," said Natsuko Hayashi Nicholl, the author of the study.

Research cited in the report suggested that new books typically cost around 50 percent more than used copies, and that packaging books with software or workbooks can more than double the price.

Students who used the BGSUchoose service this semester

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Siblings unite for rare 'Duo' concert

Guest musicians Nancy Eldridge, Caroline Coade, bring sister act to Bryan Recital Hall

By Matt Liasse
Senior Reporter

Viola player Caroline Coade said performing with her sister is "99 percent fun." The other one percent is traditional sibling rivalry.

Coade and her sister, Nancy Eldridge, who plays the violin, will be performing as guest artists in the Bryan Recital Hall of the Moore Musical Arts at 8 p.m. today. The recital will include the sisters exploring classic repertoire as well as more modern pieces.

"There's a chemistry you don't find

"They are two young, talented and vibrant musicians at the height of their careers."

Megan Fergusson | Professor

in other performers," Coade said about playing with Eldridge.

The sisters don't get to perform with each other too often. It's hard to schedule shows together with their professional and married lives, Coade said. This show is a part of a Midwest tour,

with shows also at Hillsdale College and Wayne State University.

"Caroline and I have been performing together for most of our lives but now live in different parts of the country," Eldridge said. "Caroline and I, as sisters, have many similar ideas as to how to play a musical phrase ... we have a similar technique from years of having the same music teachers growing up. That makes for an easier time when we prepare for a concert together."

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WIZ KHALIFA WOWS CROWD



NATHAN ELEKONICH | THE BG NEWS

PERFORM: Wiz Khalifa put on an show for University students at Anderson Arena last night. Khalifa flew straight to Bowling Green after performing at the AFC Championship game in Pittsburgh where the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the New York Jets to play the Green Bay Packers in the Super Bowl Feb. 6. For more concert photos, see page 8.

CITY

Snow falls on Bowling Green

As temperatures dropped and snow fell throughout the weekend, Bowling Green residents celebrated the winter weather outside. See photos | **Page 3**

FORUM

Learn Rec Center rules

The etiquette in the Rec's locker rooms leave some feeling awkward and others completely carefree according to columnist Stephan Reed | **Page 4**

SPORTS

Falcons shut down Chippewas

The BG women's basketball team stepped up the defensive side of the ball Saturday, defeating Central Michigan, the top-ranked offense in the MAC 90-62 | **Page 6**

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What do you utilize most at the Rec?



LEANNA COOPER
Sophomore, Social Work
"The elliptical machines." | **Page 4**

REDDIN

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Speakers addressed the topics of trade with Canada and erosion, lake effect snow, and phosphorus and oxygen levels in the Great Lakes.

McKay previously researched oceanography in Long Island and began studying the Great Lakes when he was hired at the University in 1997.

"We need to look at how the lakes influence our lives through recreation, as a water source and for the economy," McKay said. "If we examine each of those things, their importance is pretty clear."

McKay also researched activity in the great lakes in relation to trading, with the Canadian and U.S. National Guard.

It takes almost a year to plan and coordinate speakers for the symposium, said Rebecca Mancuso, event director and assistant history professor at the University. A committee usually starts asking the community for symposium ideas every February.

"We have a lot of new people in attendance this year," Mancuso said. "We are just looking to foster greater knowledge like we have in the past on topics like immigration and criminal justice."

Municipal court judge Mark Reddin and his family has also helped to make the symposium last 24 years through contributions. Like Blaha, Reddin's family became interested in U.S.

Canadian relations through summer trips to Canada.

"I really like being involved because it brings experts right into my living room that I wouldn't necessarily come in contact with," Reddin said.

Along with faculty and community members, students also attended the symposium. Graduate student Julia Rigaud is interested in getting more involved in the environment as a future career.

"I'm an English major but I find this all really interesting," Rigaud said. "I'd like to do some work in the field and do some more personal research."

This is the first year that students were allowed free admission to the symposium, while members of the community had to pay a \$10 cover charge. Despite the new charge, participants like Blaha continue to attend the symposium.

"It's one of the most stimulating things, so \$10 isn't much of a barrier to me," Blaha said.

Past symposium topics included trade negotiations with Canada, immigration, criminal justice and entertainment. Blaha's favorite symposium entitled How To Cultivate a Garden and Keep It From Being Trampled By An Elephant, focused on media relations between Canada and the U.S.

"I think it's one of the things that really highlights what BGSU has to offer from an academic standpoint," Blaha said. "It's an interesting way to study our nearest neighbor."

FRENCH

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Additional activities include going to the Toledo Zoo last semester and learning about the animals in French and hosting an event where University students had the opportunity to learn about France and other Francophone nations.

"Even if I didn't live here, I'd come and participate. You have common ground with everyone. It's easier to meet people," Bush said.

Many of the students who live in La Maison Francaise go on to study abroad in France. Scholarships are available for those students living in the house.

"It's a plus," Riegaud said. The next movie night is Friday, Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m.



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RELAX: Madison Carlson, Elisha Lueers, Terese Welter, and Megan Chambers sit and talk at their weekly meeting before dinner in La Maison Francaise.

CONCERT

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Coade was contacted a year ago by Megan Fergusson, an assistant professor of viola and former student of Coade's workshop that she taught here at the University.

"We are fortunate to be able to host such a dynamic duo," Fergusson said. "They are two young, talented and vibrant musicians at the height of their careers."

They will also premiere "Duo," a new piece by Ann Arbor composer Braxton Blake, who will also be in the audience. Coade has been working with Blake on learning his piece. Coade said they are "active e-mailers."

Coade said the experience of working with Blake has been a little nerve-racking.

"He has in his imagination what he wants this to sound like," Coade said. "It's thrilling to see his work come to life. It's pretty phenomenal to be playing a living composer's piece."

BOOKS

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said the best part wasn't saving money, but viewing materials from different websites in one place.

"I just got everything from

Coade and Elderidge, along with their older sister, started learning their instruments when they were young at the Suzuki Violin Program in San Diego, Calif.

Coade lives in Michigan and Elderidge in California, so practicing together was a little difficult. Elderidge began recording herself playing violin on YouTube and used the videos to practice.

"We're a duo but we spend a lot of time apart," Coade said.

Elderidge said the concert even though the sisters spend a lot of time apart, she has a lot of confidence.

"Much of the time, after a lot of practicing alone on our parts, the music happens quite intuitively," Elderidge.

After the performance, Coade will teach a workshop Tuesday on campus. More information on the workshop will be presented at the recital. Students will be able to get to know Coade and Elderidge while they perform, and then share knowledge with them at the workshop, Coade said.

Amazon," said Allison Luttrell, a University student. "But it was nice to have all the options listed. I actually didn't know another way to look at the book list for my classes, and it was really easy to look at the price comparison from there."

BLOTTER

FRI., JAN. 21

12:42 A.M.

Christian Achkar, 20, of Bowling Green, was cited for underage under the influence and disorderly conduct/public urination within the 300 block of Campbell Hill Road.

1:22 A.M.

Mark James Pytlak, 19, of Bowling Green, was cited for underage possession of alcohol within the 400 block of E. Wooster St.

5:57 P.M.

An unknown person attempted to kick in a door within the 400 block of S. Grove St.

11:33 P.M.

Matthew F. Schauer, 41, of Bowling Green, was arrested for assault within the 1000 block of N. Main St.

SAT., JAN. 22

2:31 A.M.

An unknown subject sprayed pepper spray within Howard's Club H.

2:51 A.M.

A windshield was shattered within the 200 block of N. Main St.

3:29 A.M.

A projectile jar of peanut butter caused approximately \$200 in damage to a house's siding within the 100 block of Manville Ave.

10:07 A.M.

The rear window of a vehicle was broken within the 400 block of College Drive.

7:16 P.M.

Nicholas J. Bandiera, 19, and Giancarlo M. Butto, 19, both of Bowling Green, were cited for underage possession of alcohol and possession of drug paraphernalia near the corner of East Wooster and Crim streets.

7:21 P.M.

Kyle L. Wentz, 37, of Bowling Green, was cited for operating a vehicle impaired within the zero block of E. Wooster St.

11:16 P.M.

Bangich Bol, 21, and Albert M.

L. Hathorn, 21, both of Bowling Green, were cited for nuisance party within the 100 block of N. Prospect St.

Samantha K. Ayer, 18, of Grand Rapids, Ohio, was cited for underage possession of alcohol within the 100 block of N. Prospect St.

Jennifer M. Tolles, 18, of Bowling Green, was cited for underage possession of alcohol and open container within the 100 block of N. Prospect St.

11:51 P.M.

Shelby Leigh Berry, 18, of Sycamore, Ohio, and Keylee Kristian Sowers, 18, of Tiffin, Ohio were cited for underage under the influence and open container within the 200 block of N. Main St.

SUN., JAN. 23

12:14 A.M.

Hannah P. M. McClain, 19, of Westerville, Ohio, was cited for underage under the influence and littering within the 100 block of E. Court St.

Shannon N. Minor, 18, of Plain City, Ohio, was cited for underage under the influence within the 100 block of E. Court St.

12:21 A.M.

Clayton Sisco Roehrig, 18, of Defiance, Ohio, was cited for open container and underage possession of alcohol within the 200 block of Ridge St.

1:01 A.M.

Anthony L. Stepheson, 20, of Wilmington, Ohio, was cited for underage under the influence within the 500 block of N. Enterprise St.

2:34 A.M.

April D. De Los Reyes, 19, of Bowling Green, was cited for operating a vehicle impaired within the 200 block of E. Napoleon Road.

ONLINE: Go to bgviews.com for the complete blotter list.

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Bowling Green residents hit the hills

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(Top Right) Katelyn Geiman, 6, and her father Michael; (Bottom Right) Bradley Burton, 10; and (Below) Andrew Shaw, 13, enjoy fun in the snow Saturday afternoon at the Conneaut Park Sledding Hill on Conneaut Avenue and Haskins Road.



CITY BRIEF

City Park ice rink open for skaters

Residents can now don their ice skates in the City Park after the installation of a new ice rink.

The 40 feet by 60 feet rink is free of charge and open when the park is open, from dawn till dusk, said Kristin W. Otley, the city's Recreation Coordinator.

She said the rink was created for the city's annual Winterfest event.

Otley said skaters must bring their own skates as there are no rentals at the park.



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"The weight room."
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Undecided



"The basketball courts."
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Freshman,
Computer Science



"Swimming pools."
KAYLA LUTSCH,
Senior,
Special Education



"The wallyball rooms."
BRUCE RADER,
Freshman,
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Locker room etiquette makes some feel uncomfortable

By Stephan Reed
Columnist

There is one resource at the Student Recreational Center that I believe people are not using properly. That is the locker room.

Oh, the locker room. Now, I'm not really one for male nudity, but some of the older gentlemen seem to exploit the fact that it is socially acceptable to wander aimlessly around a room with your fellow brethren. A lot of these people are meeting up for the first time in ages and are real "Chatty-Kathy's" that appear way too socially graceful as parts of their body are exposed to their longtime friend. A towel would do wonders for my comfort level as I see naked flesh in my peripherals. I attempt to get dressed as fast as possible so these people can continue to bask in all their glory without me present.

This brings up another point. Don't stand too close to another person, especially if one of you are in the nude. It's really just not polite.

In the locker room, there exists a sauna; a steam room in which the sole purpose is for people to perspire and carry on with odd periods of silence. Nothing is better than sweating off a weekend of binge drinking in a room that exceeds 160 degrees and is filled with half-naked, or sometimes fully naked, people. The conversations in the room can be quite engaging. I suggest talking to the peo-

ple in the sauna about your classes, diet or your workout routine. I do not, however, advise you to begin your first conversation with your last sexual encounter. This nervous act results in more awkwardness than the amount that is already present, being that it is a room filled with steaming bodies.

Some of the best conversations I have ever heard have come from the sauna. In fact, I've listened to stories of people losing their virginity, stories of people and how much they can vomit in one given night and even a story of one man's adventure to exploit the government for unemployment. But the best, most inspiring, story I have heard comes from an older man who talked to me about his Rec habits. He told me about how much the Rec has helped him stay healthy in his older age and about how he has been there at least once a week since the Rec opened. Kudos to this man for his dedication.

Now, I'll be the first to say that sit ups are a lot more fun at high temperatures, but try to only workout in the sauna when you are the only one there. One of the first experiences I had in the heat box was when a man, who was wearing a wool-knit sweater and sweatpants, was grunting and moaning as he attempted to get the most sweat out of himself as humanly possible. I felt pressured to either workout with him or cheer him on.

"Some of the best conversations I have ever heard have come from the sauna."

"Come on, man! Your urine isn't pure gold yet. You're not dehydrated enough!"

I really wish I could talk to the person that designed the locker room. I want an explanation as to why the sauna is in direct view of the showers. Honestly, I feel as if they angled the room so that you could see the absolute most surface area while people shower. Also, why don't the girls have hair dryers in their locker room? The guys have three!

A warning to anyone new to the locker room: Don't take your phone/iPod into the sauna. Not only will the heat damage whatever device you have, but if the smallest amount of sweat gets into a crack of your phone, it will short the keyboard. Trust me. It happened to me.

Another warning: If you're not fully comfortable with other people lounging and being naked at the same time, I recommend you just shower in the residence hall or your house. The things I have seen and heard in the locker room can never be taken back.

Respond to Stephan at
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Chemical safe as herbicide, despite environment claims

By Jake Geis,
Daily Nebraskan (University of Nebraska)
College News Network

Ever since Rachel Carson's book "The Silent Spring" came out in 1962, every pesticide in the United States has received intense scrutiny from the government to determine its safety for humans and wildlife. While this necessary and beneficial change is welcomed, some environmental activists have held the position that any sort of pesticide use is dangerous and consequently have manufactured several baseless claims to undermine pesticide usage in American agriculture. One of the most frequently targeted chemicals is atrazine, a herbicide used in grain and nut farming, woodlands, and lawns to control a wide variety of weeds.

Atrazine is a highly effective chemical used in no-till farming, a farming system used to prevent soil erosion. In no-till farming, farmers do not turn over the soil to eliminate weeds so more crop residue is left on the field. Instead, farmers spray the field one to

two times a year to eliminate weeds. According to the Nov. 1, 2001 issue of the Christian Science Monitor article, "Farmers urged to beat their plows into drills," the leftover stalks and leaves from the last crop reduces soil erosion to essentially zero, decreases water usage by 40 percent, cuts total herbicide usage and saves the farmer several passes through the field each year, thereby burning less fossil fuels. An article in the June 2006 issue of Crops magazine states, "Possibilities are endless when switching to no-till" and earthworm populations skyrocket when using a no-till system.

The safety of atrazine is also confirmed by several studies done by the Environmental Protection Agency. According to page 59 of the March 28, 2006 Triazine Cumulative Risk Assessment report done by the EPA, "Risk estimates for cumulative exposures to triazine residues via drinking water based on currently registered uses of atrazine and simazine are not of concern." The World Health Organization International

"Earthworm populations skyrocket when using a no-till system."

Agency for Research on Cancer stated in 1998, "Atrazine is deemed 'not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans,' placing it in the same cancer risk category as substances such as tea, rubbing alcohol and talc," and in 2007 concluded that atrazine does not cause malformations of the embryo or the fetus in pregnant women. The WHO is so confident in the safety of atrazine it raised its recommendation standard for drinking water to 100 parts per billion. This compares to the U.S. standard of three parts per billion. Countless other organizations share the same belief. Contrary to some sources, atrazine is not banned in the European Union and its very close chemical cousin terbutylazine is a registered herbicide in the E.U.

Individuals identify most with interests in pop culture

By Erica Bartz,
Daily Nebraskan (University of Nebraska)
College News Network

There is an unfathomable amount of factors that influence our personal identities.

In many cases, we align ourselves with family, friends, classmates, race or ethnicity and the country we live in or originate from. The people we encounter every day and our backgrounds have an enormous effect on how we believe we should think and act. One of the most important factors of all, however, is what we consume in popular culture, which is actually comprised of numerous factors in itself.

One example in which popular culture can deeply affect us are the characters, ideas or images we like or relate to.

When I was in elementary school, I adored the

book "Harriet the Spy," and the movie version as well. I thought Harriet was the smartest, coolest character ever and immediately I wanted to be exactly like her. Since Harriet liked to write everything down in her notebook (especially secret events she observed), I also started writing my thoughts down and spying on my neighbors. Although I don't think I've ever had the same level of dedication as Harriet, since I first read that book, I became interested in writing and eavesdropping. We don't often think about how our favorite movies or books have affected our personality, but everyone has a thread of some character they love.

Another trend I've observed is plenty of people form part of their identity through the popular culture they partake in and sometimes take pride

in how much they partake in. I would consider being a film snob part of my identity and relate most to others who have as particular a taste as I do.

Others feel a kinship with those who prefer Japanese manga over American comics, or with people who despise music on the radio as much as they do. Different genres of media and tastes help to divide people into categories — when you find your specific category, you feel part of an exclusive club.

Those who are dedicated to a certain category are also proud of how much of that category they consume. You can't tell me you haven't felt a small measure of gratification in telling someone you had seen every episode of "Lost" or that you could name the histories of each "Harry Potter" character.

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S. Sudan: Too many votes, ballots quarantined

JUBA, Sudan — Preliminary results from Southern Sudan's independence referendum indicate a landslide vote for secession, but turnout exceeded 100 percent in several areas, and a top election official said Sunday that some results were being quarantined.

Voter turnout exceeded 100 percent in 10 of the south's 79 counties, according to an analysis done by The Associated Press using information on the Southern Sudan Referendum Commission's website. In Jonglei state's Bor County, the number of votes cast exceeded the number of registered voters by 720.

The Southern Sudan Referendum Commission reported on its website that with almost all of the votes counted, 98.8 percent of voters who cast ballots in the Jan. 9-15 independence referendum voted for secession.

Though that result is overwhelming, international officials have predicted for months that the south would vote to secede, and even officials from northern Sudan have acknowledged the south would vote to break away.

—Maggie Fick (AP)

Hundreds protest arrest of Yemeni woman activist

SANAA, Yemen — Yemeni police have arrested a woman activist for leading anti-government protests, setting off a second day of street demonstrations.

Police used tear gas and batons to disperse hundreds of students, activists and lawmakers who demonstrated in the capital Sanaa to demand the release of Tawakul Abdel-Salam Karman, who was arrested early Sunday.

Interior Minister Mouthar al-Masri said on state television Sunday that people have the right to express their views but demonstrations, gatherings and marches should be staged within the boundaries of the law.

Karman is a senior member of the opposition Islamic fundamentalist Islah Party.

—Ahmed Al Haj (AP)

Russians voting on whether to bury Vladimir Lenin

MOSCOW (AP) — A new poll sponsored by the pro-Kremlin party is asking Russians to vote on whether it's time to bury Vladimir Lenin.

The embalmed body of the man who founded the Soviet Union still lies on public display in a Red Square mausoleum almost 20 years after the communist state collapsed.

The contentious issue is raised almost every year around the anniversary of his death on Jan. 21, 1924.

It is not clear whether the government intends to abide by the outcome of the United Russia party's poll, but Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has said that the fate of Lenin's body will in the end be decided by the Russian people.

Thousands march at Belgian unity rally

BRUSSELS — Tens of thousands of protesters marched through the Belgian capital Sunday in support of national unity and to demand that the rival political groupings finally form a coalition after seven months without a government.

Organizers said the peaceful rally in downtown Brussels — the seat of the European Union — is also meant to promote solidarity among the country's Flemish and Walloon communities and to reject nationalism.

Police said between 20,000 and 30,000 people took part in the demonstration called by a group of university students who say they're fed up with the political deadlock.

—Slobodan Lekic (AP)

Family suspected of electrocuting Pakistani bride

Multan, Pakistan (AP) — Police said relatives of a young Pakistani woman are suspected of electrocuting her for marrying a man against their wishes.

Police official Afzal Lodhi said authorities arrested 21-year-old Saima Bibi's father and three of her uncles Sunday in a small village in eastern Pakistan.

He said police a day earlier recovered Bibi's body, which had burn marks indicating she had been electrocuted.

Lodhi said the woman eloped with another villager a month ago and got married in the southern port city of Karachi. He said the woman's relatives lured her back by falsely promising they would agree to her marriage.

Lodhi said the woman's father denied relatives killed her and claimed she took poison because she did not want to marry the man proposed by her family.

Bus slams into oil tanker in Pakistan, 32 killed

NOORIBAD, Pakistan — A bus slammed into an oil tanker in southern Pakistan before dawn Sunday, setting off a blazing inferno that gutted both vehicles and killed 32 people, police said.

The accident reportedly occurred because the bus driver fell asleep and lost control of his vehicle, said Mohammad Farooq, local police chief in Jamshoro district where the accident took place. Passengers had twice asked the driver to stop the vehicle and rest to avoid an accident, he said.

The 32 dead included women and children, whose charred bodies were carried in white sheets to waiting ambulances, said Farooq. Nine people were also injured in the accident, which took place near the town of Noonabad, he said.

Only a few young men were able to crawl out of the back of the burning bus and escape, one survivor told a local TV station. The rest were burned alive, he said.

Fatal road accidents are common in Pakistan, where public transport drivers are often poorly trained and work long hours. Roads are badly maintained, and there is widespread disregard for traffic rules.

—Mohammad Farooq (AP)

Fraud plagues global health fund, grants revoked

By John Heilprin
The Associated Press

GENEVA — A \$21.7 billion development fund backed by celebrities and hailed as an alternative to the bureaucracy of the United Nations sees as much as two-thirds of some grants eaten up by corruption, The Associated Press has learned.

Much of the money is accounted for with forged documents or improper bookkeeping, indicating it was pocketed, investigators for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria said. Donated prescription drugs wind up being sold on the black market.

The fund's newly reinforced inspector general's office, which uncovered the corruption, can't give an overall accounting because it has examined only a tiny fraction of the \$10 billion that the fund has spent since its creation in 2002. But the levels of corruption in the grants they have audited so far are astonishing.

A full 67 percent of money spent on an anti-AIDS program in Mauritania was misspent, the investigators told the fund's board of directors. So did 36 percent of the money spent on a program in Mali to fight tuberculosis and malaria, and 30 percent of grants to Djibouti.

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In Zambia, where \$3.5 million in spending was undocumented and one accountant pilfered \$104,130, the fund decided the nation's health ministry simply couldn't manage the grants and put the United Nations in charge of them. The fund is trying to recover \$7 million in "unsupported and ineligible costs" from the ministry.

The fund is pulling or suspending grants from nations where corruption is found, and demanding recipients

return millions of dollars of misspent money.

"The messenger is being shot to some extent," fund

spokesman Jon Liden said. "We would contend that we do not have any corruption problems that are significantly different in scale or nature to any other international financing institution."

To date, the United States, the European Union and

other major donors have pledged \$21.7 to the fund, the dominant financier of efforts to fight the three diseases. The fund has been a darling of the power set that will hold the World Economic Forum in the Swiss mountain village of Davos this week.

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Rodgers leads Packers to NFC title, Super Bowl appearance

By Chris Jenkins
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — There was one Monster of the Midway in the NFC championship game and his name was Aaron Rodgers.

He ran for a touchdown. He made a touchdown-saving tackle. And he was better than three Bears quarterbacks in leading the Green Bay Packers to the Super Bowl with an ugly-but-beautiful 21-14 victory Sunday over Chicago.

"It's a dream come true," Rodgers said. "It's an incredible feeling. I'm at a loss for words."

Rodgers kept the Bears' defense off balance all afternoon. Green Bay punter Tim Masthay kept Devin Hester under wraps and the Packers' superb defense took care of the rest in knocking the rival Bears out of the playoffs.

It was the 182nd meeting in the league's most historic rivalry, and the stakes had never been bigger.

Now the Packers (13-6) are headed to Dallas. And no

matter what happens in the Super Bowl, the Packers and their fans hold ultimate bragging rights over their rivals to the South.

The Packers will play the winner of Sunday night's AFC title game between the New York Jets and Pittsburgh Steelers.

All Jay Cutler could do was watch, having left the game with a knee injury early in the third quarter. And with Cutler sitting, little-known backup Caleb Hanie actually made it a game.

Chicago's third-string quarterback rallied the Bears for a touchdown drive to cut the lead to 14-7 after Chester Taylor's 1-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter.

Hanie and the Bears had a chance to tie the game after the Bears' defense finally got a few stops, but Hanie threw a ball straight to Packers defensive lineman B.J. Raji, who lumbered 18 yards into the end zone for a touchdown to give the Packers a 21-7 lead.

But Hanie wasn't finished,

throwing a 35-yard touchdown pass to Earl Bennett to again cut the lead to seven points with 4:43 left.

The Bears (12-6) forced a punt and got the ball back with under 3 minutes left.

Hanie drove the Bears to the Green Bay 29-yard line, then threw a fourth-down interception to Sam Shields — the rookie's second interception of the game.

Now all those Pro Bowl voters who didn't think Rodgers was worthy can relax. They're off the hook.

Rodgers will be busy getting ready for the Super Bowl instead.

Rodgers proved ready for the biggest day of his brief but impressive career as the successor to Brett Favre, even if his final stat line didn't look impressive after an ugly, hard-fought game.

He threw for 244 yards with two interceptions, but his play in the first half put the Bears in a hole as their defense that seemed to fall for every play-action fake.

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It was the latest in a series of big moments for Rodgers, who wasn't named to the Pro Bowl but has earned near-universal praise for the way he has played this season — especially since sitting out the Packers' Dec. 19 loss at New England because of a concussion.

Rodgers has been on a hot streak ever since, and doing it under pressure. The Packers would have been out of the playoffs with a loss in either of their last two regular-season games, including the regular season finale against Chicago.

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performance of the season — as they scored 18 points off of Chippewa turnovers.

"We talked about how explosive they are offensively, and we knew we had to play a great game defensively, first and foremost," Lauren Prochaska said. "We tried to get as many stops as we could, and that led to us playing well offensively."

New "Old" threads

Fans who made it through the turnstiles not only witnessed a Falcon victory, but the debut of some brand new "Throwback" uniforms.

The uniforms — white jerseys with orange trim, and the word Falcons across the chest above block letter numbers — were worn to commemorate the final season in Anderson Arena and got some positive reviews after the victory.

"They're pretty cool," senior Chelsea Albert said.

Some of the players took the throwbacks to the next level, as they wore orange and brown socks that weren't officially part of the uniform, but fit in well with the retro motif.

The men's team has also worn throwback jerseys this season, and what was supposed to be a one-time affair has turned into a multiple game occurrence, as

the men's team decided they were going to keep wearing them this season.

"I don't know if we like them that much," Prochaska said.

Moving on up, again

With 16 points against Central Michigan, Prochaska moved into seventh place on the all-time points leaders MAC history, passing Kent State's Tracey Lynn.

Prochaska is also 41 points from becoming the all-time leader in Falcon history, Jackie Motycka, who played at BG from 1985 to 1989, holds the current record.

Kim Knuth holds the all-time record for points in MAC history, scoring 2,509 at

Toledo from 1995 to 1999.

"House that Roars" falling up

A season-high 2,530 fan filled Anderson Arena, the previous season high for the season had been 2,157 in a victory over then No. 23 Vanderbilt Dec. 1.

Up Next

The Falcons will meet rival Toledo for the first time since the 2010 MAC Championship game last March.

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ping in 12 points on 3-of-5 from the field, including 3-of-4 from behind the arc.

Kraus is 6-for-7 from long distance in BG's past two games.

The loss drops BG to 8-11 overall and 3-2 in the Mid-American Conference as its tied for first with Buffalo, Kent State and Miami.

The Zips improve to 11-8 overall and 2-3 in the MAC.

Wednesday's loss gave the Falcons a 3-2 record in their first go-around with the MAC East.

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RECAP

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they went on a 14-2 run to end the half to take a 48-27 advantage into the break.

Lauren Prochaska, Tracy Pontius and Maggie Hennegan all reached double-figures in the first half as the Chippewas was 10-for-32 from the field and committed 13 turnovers.

Pontius led the Falcons with 17 points to pace five players in double-figures, including Prochaska, Hennegan, Chrissy Steffen and Jessica Slagle, who finished with 16, 12, 15 and 13 points, respectively.

"Offensively we did a nice job early on taking some mismatches and using the mismatch to our advantage

"That's a big win because we had about six straight practices that didn't convince me we could play like we did today."

Curt Miller | BG coach

when they were switching," Miller said. "We talked about our balanced scoring when people try to defend us like that and we got five people in double-digits and really got the game at our pace."

"Overall it was one of our best games of the year. That's a big win because we had about six straight practices that didn't convince me we could play like we did today."

BG's bench came up big Saturday, outscoring CMU's bench 26-5.

Slagle's 13 points, including 6-for-6 from the free-throw line, was her best performance of the season and Chelsea Albert came off the bench and scored seven points while grabbing six rebounds.

"I think our team has a really good bench and we have awesome chemistry," Albert said.

Next for the Falcons is a home matchup against arch-rival Toledo on Wednesday night, with tip-off at 7 p.m.

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Pittsburgh rapper Wiz Khalifa shows his colors



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BLACK AND YELLOW: Rapper Wiz Khalifa performed for students at Anderson Arena last night, including his hit single "Black and Yellow."

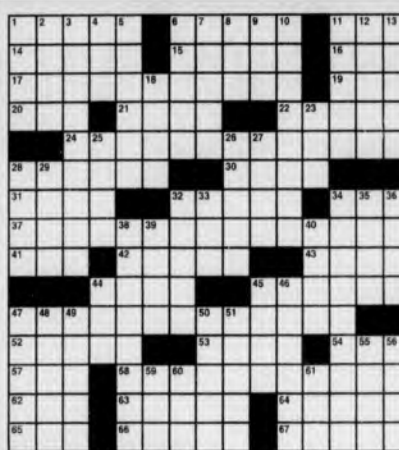


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IN CHECK: Bouncers at the Wiz Khalifa concert watched for any rowdiness that would disrupt the performance.

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- 1 Submission encl.
2 12th Hebrew month
3 Global
4 300 to 3,000 MHz
5 Elapse
6 Enjoys faddish popularity
7 It precedes iota
8 Pantyhose woe
9 Sight in the Seine
10 Pitiful
11 Eloise's hotel, with "the"
12 Superman's birth father
13 Peachy
18 Ergo
23 Crunch targets
25 Relax, as restrictions
26 Ark
27 Like most pets
28 Scads
29 Wisdom of the elders
32 Clothes fasteners
33 Baseball great Mel
34 Phonograph component
35 Eins und zwei
36 Ollie's partner
38 Readied the leftovers, say
39 "... believe ... not!"
40 Big Apple theater award
- 44 "Survivor" network
45 Some TVs
46 Anita of "La Dolce Vita"
47 Cards and Phils
48 Amateur mover's rental
49 Sailor's sobriquet
50 Military levels
51 Get up
55 Hose down for a while
56 Major res.
59 Woolly farm female
60 Rouen refusal
61 Important name in Virginia history

ACROSS

- 1 Finalize, as a deal
6 "Let ...": "Start the ball rolling!"
11 Sleep attire, briefly
14 Honolulu hello
15 NFL's winningest coach Don
16 Below-the-belt
17 Does some Web browsing
19 "The Kids ... All Right!": 2010 film
20 Building wing
21 Photographed
22 Brownish-green eye color
24 Coming-out gala
28 Forever and ever
30 Rolled grain
31 Clark's love
32 "Me, too!"
34 NFL six-pointers
37 Demand accompanied by a banging gavel
41 Casual shirt
42 La Virginie et la Caroline du Sud
43 La ... Tar Pits
44 Karate blow

- 45 Restrain
47 Illegal lottery
52 Tibetan capital
53 Bedouin, ethnically
54 Eyjafjallajökull residue
57 Get stuck for, as a cost
58 Lateral epicondylitis (and a possible injury hinted at by the ends of 17-, 24-, 37- and 47-Across)
62 Regret
63 Furry "Star Wars" creatures
64 Track event
65 Family Stone frontman
66 Thick
67 Nerdy types

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